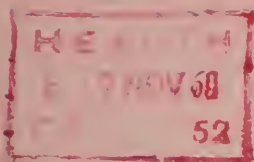


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CLARE RURAL DISTRICT

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ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY OF WEST SUFFOLK

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1959



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of the

Medical Officer of Health for the Rural District of
Clare, in the County of West Suffolk, for the year
ending the 31st December, 1959.

Severals House,
Newmarket.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Clare Rural District Council.

October, 1960.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1959, on behalf of Dr. G. P. Barclay who was the Medical Officer of Health for the District during the year in question.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,

A. FARNILL MORGAN

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

1. (Figures in brackets throughout the Report relate to the previous year.)

Area of the District	(49,360 acres)	49,360 acres
Number of Parishes	(24)	24
Rateable Value	(£78,539)	£ 81,794
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	(£328)	£324
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book	(2,945)	2,945
Population (Registrar General's Estimate)	(9,280)	9,000
Population (1951 Census)		9,413

2. PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL

(a) Medical Officer of Health who also serves other Districts.

(b) Chief Public Health Inspector :

Mr. H. A. Smith (appointed 1st November, 1944) who also holds the appointment of Engineer and Surveyor.

Additional Public Health Inspector :

Mr. W. R. H. Gilling (commenced duties with the Council 1st July, 1958.)

Mr. E. A. Burgon and Mr. K. Harrison, Veterinary Surgeons, are appointed for the purpose of meat inspection at the Great Wratting Abattoir

3. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	(54) 66	(57) 61	(111) 127
Illegitimate	(0) 1	(2) 3	(2) 4
	(54) 67	(59) 64	(113) 131

Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population (crude)	(12.1)	14.6
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population (adjusted)	(14.1)	17.7
Birth Rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	(16.4)	16.5
Illegitimate Birth Rate	(1.4%)	3.0%

<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	(3) 3	(0) 0	(3) 3
Illegitimate	(0) 0	(0) 0	(0) 0
	(3) 3	(0) 0	(3) 3
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still births)		(23.0)	22.4
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(England & Wales)		(21.6)	20.7

DEATHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	(60) 71	(44) 43	(104) 114
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population (crude)		(11.2)	12.7
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population (adjusted)		(9.6)	10.9
Death Rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)		(11.7)	11.6
Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion.		(0)	0

INFANT MORTALITY

It can be expected that these rates will show considerable variation from year to year as the figures are relatively small.

Number of deaths of infants under one year of age :

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	(1) -	(-) -	(1) -
Illegitimate	(-) -	(-) -	(-) -
Totals	(1) -	(-) -	(1) -

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY

No infant deaths occurred in the first four weeks of life.

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER FOUR WEEKS

Neo-Natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births	(8.8)	-
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DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE

All infants per 1,000 live births	(8.8)	-
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	(9.0)	-
All infants England and Wales	(22.5)	22.2

RATES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS :

	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>
Adjusted Birth Rates	15.7	14.8	13.8	21.0	14.1	17.7
Adjusted Death Rates	9.9	10.4	12.7	10.2	9.6	10.9

4. CAUSES OF DEATH

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>		<u>Total</u>	
Tuberculosis.....	(0)	3	(0)	0	(0)	3
Measles.....	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0
Whooping Cough.....	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0
Diphtheria.....	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0
Cancer (all types).....	(6)	9	(6)	11	(12)	20
Heart Disease (all forms).....	(30)	27	(19)	19	(49)	46
Vascular lesions of the nervous system..	(8)	9	(8)	3	(16)	12
Diabetes.....	(0)	0	(2)	0	(2)	0
Influenza.....	(0)	1	(1)	2	(1)	3
Pneumonia.....	(4)	10	(4)	4	(8)	14
Bronchitis.....	(2)	1	(2)	1	(4)	2
Other diseases of the respiratory system	(1)	0	(0)	0	(1)	0
Accidents (Motor Vehicles).....	(1)	2	(0)	0	(1)	2
Accidents (not Motor Vehicles).....	(2)	0	(0)	1	(2)	1
Suicide.....	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0
Nephritis.....	(0)	1	(0)	0	(0)	1
Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea.....	(0)	1	(2)	0	(2)	1
Ulcer of the Stomach and Duodenum.....	(1)	0	(0)	0	(1)	0
Congenital Malformation.....	(1)	0	(0)	1	(1)	1
Other defined and ill defined diseases..	(4)	7	(0)	1	(4)	8
Totals all causes.....	(60)	71	(44)	43	(104)	114

5. PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

	<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>		<u>Total</u>	
Scarlet Fever.....	(2)	4	(2)	2	(4)	6
Whooping Cough	(1)	2	(2)	1	(3)	3
Measles	(21)	85	(25)	88	(46)	173
Pneumonia, Acute.....	(2)	0	(3)	1	(5)	1
Polio-myelitis	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0
Infective Hepatitis	(0)	1	(0)	0	(0)	1
Puerperal Pyrexia			(0)	1	(0)	1
Meningitis (Tuberculous)	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)	1

6. TUBERCULOSIS.

	<u>Pulmonary</u>			<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>			Total all Types
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	
No. of cases on register at commencement of year.....	18 (18)	12 (14)	30 (32)	3 (6)	2 (4)	5 (10)	35 (42)
No. of cases added during the year.....	0 (2)	1 (2)	1 (4)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (4)
No. of cases removed during the year.....	2 (2)	0 (4)	2 (6)	0 (3)	0 (2)	0 (5)	2 (11)
No. remaining on register at end of year.....	16 (18)	13 (12)	29 (30)	3 (3)	2 (2)	5 (5)	34 (35)

7. NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT -1948.

Section 47 - Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

Action under this section was necessary in two cases.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY YOUR CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR :-

A. WATER SUPPLIES.

The Council's main sources of supply are at Great Wratting and Depden.

Water is pumped from duplicate boreholes at Great Wratting to an underground storage reservoir near Hundon Hall which supplies 19 of the parishes in the area, and also the Stradishall R.A.F. Station. Analysis shows the water to be wholesome and fit for drinking. It is chlorinated at the source. Hardness is given as 401 parts per million.

Five parishes in the North of the area are supplied from the Depden Tower with water pumped from the Thingoe R.D.C. reservoir in the adjoining parish of Rede. This water is shown on analysis to be wholesome and fit for drinking purposes and with a hardness of 272 parts per million.

Bulk supplies are given to Mildenhall, Thingoe and Haverhill Councils and a supply to seven houses in the Halstead Rural area.

A supply is received from Haverhill U.D.C. for the Meldham Bridge area of Withersfield parish for a population of about 40, and about 15 people in the Stansfield and Hawkedon parishes receive a direct supply from the mains of Melford R.D.C. which pass through these parishes.

It is estimated that about 90 per cent of the population in your area have a piped water supply.

The total quantity of water abstracted from the Great Wratting source for the year ended 31st October, 1959, was 108,288,000 gallons. The possibility of augmenting this supply to allow for increased demand is being considered by the Council and test pumping from your Wratting source is being arranged to ascertain the safe yield available.

B. SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The Cavendish sewerage scheme was completed during the year, sewage being pumped to the Clare Works. These are functioning satisfactorily, as evidenced by samples of sewage effluent taken frequently throughout the year. The works and pumping stations are well maintained.

The Council are discussing the possibility of installing further village sewerage schemes, and it is possible that a scheme for Kedington and Great Wratting may reach tendering stage in 1960.

In general, the discharge of untreated sewage into ditches and other water courses, has continued to give rise to nuisances, particularly in the built-up village areas, and it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to abate such nuisances in the absence of sewers and disposal works.

The Council have now decided to prepare schemes for certain villages.

C. PUBLIC CLEANSING AND REFUSE DISPOSAL.

Household bin refuse is collected fortnightly from about 90 per cent of the houses in your area, in 14 parishes, and once per month in the remaining part of the area.

Collection is done by two full time employees and one vehicle.

A small number of pail closets are being collected at Clare and Cavendish, on payment by the users of these conveniences.

Cesspools on Council house sites throughout the area are cleaned out under contract each quarter.

Refuse tips are in use at Kedington, Denston and Wickhambrook, and rodent control thereon is carried out by your own staff.

Collection of waste paper is done at the time of bin collection and paper sold unsorted in bulk.

D. INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The following is a statement of the number and nature of inspections made by the Department during the year under various Acts, Orders and Byelaws in force within the area.

Housing (Defects and Nuisances)	74
Housing Acts	130
Drainage installation and Building Byelaws	184
Housing maintenance	391
Sewage Disposal	110
Factory Acts	16
Factory Outworkers	20
Infectious Diseases	1
Vermineous Premises	4
Refuse Collection and Disposal	65
Caravans	26
Petroleum Acts	37
Rodent Control	133
Slaughterhouses and Knackers Yards (Meat)	608
Food Inspection	14
Food Hygiene	46
Milk and Dairies	4
Water Supply (revision of all Parishes commenced Dec. 1959).	122
Other matters	51

E. PROCEDURE UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936.

Housing complaints investigated (defects)	37
Informal Notices sent to Owners	21
Complaints abated	22
Statutory Notices served	Nil
Statutory Notices complied with	Nil
Prosecutions	Nil
Housing improvements carried out as a result of informal action :-	
Internal and external improvements	12
Houses disinfested after vermin	9
Premises cleared of rats and mice	83

F. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply

There are ten supplementary licences in force authorising the sale in your area of Pasteurised, Sterilised and T.T. milk, by four dealers. Each dealer holding a principal licence in adjoining areas.

Food Premises in the area

General Grocers	36
Butchers Shops	5
Greengrocers	1
Fish Shops	1
Bakers	4
Cafes	4
Public Houses	44

Ice Cream

No ice cream is manufactured in the area.

The following premises are registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the sale of pre-packed ice cream.

General stores and shops	19
Bakers	2
Public Houses	3

Food Hygiene Regulations.

During the year the general standard of cleanliness of food shops has been well maintained. Improvements by modernisation with hygienic equipment have been carried out in several food premises. Requests for the installation of wash basins in some food shops are temporarily awaiting general improvements to the properties, including drainage facilities.

Offensive Trades

There is one blood drying and gut scraping establishment licensed at the Blunts Hall Abattoir.

Licensed Slaughterhouses and Knackers Yards :

There are five licensed slaughterhouses and two knackers yards in the area.

The following animals (not for human consumption) were received at the Knackers Yards. Humane methods of slaughtering are used.

Cattle257
Horses 35
Sheep 69
Pigs 34

Licensed Slaughtermen.

There are 37 licensed slaughtermen residing in the area.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED
IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	83	59	161,973	35
Number inspected	83	59	161,973	Not for human consumption.
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci :				
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	210	
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	2	Not known	
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	3.8	3.4	74,415 lbs.	
Tuberculosis only :				
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	11	
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Not known	
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	Nil	Nil	203,698 lb.	
Cysticercosis :				
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Generalised and totally condemned.	Nil	Nil	Nil	

The bulk of rejected meat is purchased by a contractor (outside your district) and processed into animal food, fertilizers, glues, greases, etc.

Section G.

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Acts 1937 & 1948

Part 1 of the Act

1. - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of			M/c line No. (7)
			Inspections (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	2	4	-	-	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	2	32	19	-	-	2
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	3	-	-	-	-	3
Total		34	23	Nil	Nil	

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND :

Particulars (1)	M/c Line No. (2)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)	M/c line No. (8)
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	To H.M. Inspector (5)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (6)		
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)							
(b) Unsuitable or defective	10	1	1	-	-	-	10
Total		1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work (1)	M/c line No. (2)	No. of outworkers in August list required by Sec.110 (i)(c) (3)
Making of Wearing apparel	13	23
Box Making etc...	34	36
Total.....		59

